

HOUSE BILL 658

Unofficial Copy
D1

2001 Regular Session
11r2037
CF 11r2036

By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Judiciary)**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2001

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships - Circuit Courts and District Court**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of resident judges authorized for the
4 circuit courts for Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Montgomery, Prince
5 George's and Worcester counties and Baltimore City; increasing the number of
6 associate judges of the District Court in districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6; specifying the
7 number of District Court judges to be appointed from certain counties; making a
8 certain provision of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally
9 relating to the number of authorized judgeships in the circuit courts and the
10 District Court of Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 1-503(a)(2), (3), (4), (15), (16), and (23) and (b) and 1-603(b)(1), (2), (4),
14 (5), and (6)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
19 Section 1-602
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
24 Section 1-503(a)(15)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
27 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____ (11r2038)/H.B. ____ (11r2039)) of the
28 Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 1-503.

5 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number
6 of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges
7 provided for by the Constitution:

8	(2)	Anne Arundel	[10] 12
9	(3)	Baltimore County.....	[16] 18
10	(4)	Calvert.....	[2] 3
11	(15)	Montgomery	[17] 19
12	(16)	Prince George's.....	[23] 25
13	(23)	Worcester	[2] 3

14 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be [30] 32 resident judges of the Circuit
15 Court for Baltimore City.

16 1-602.

17 For the purposes of operation and administration of the District Court, the State
18 is divided into the following districts:

- | | | |
|----|------|--|
| 19 | (1) | District 1 - Baltimore City. |
| 20 | (2) | District 2 - Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester Counties. |
| 21 | (3) | District 3 - Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil Counties. |
| 22 | (4) | District 4 - Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties. |
| 23 | (5) | District 5 - Prince George's County. |
| 24 | (6) | District 6 - Montgomery County. |
| 25 | (7) | District 7 - Anne Arundel County. |
| 26 | (8) | District 8 - Baltimore County. |
| 27 | (9) | District 9 - Harford County. |
| 28 | (10) | District 10 - Howard and Carroll Counties. |

1 (11) District 11 - Frederick and Washington Counties.

2 (12) District 12 - Allegany and Garrett Counties.

3 1-603.

4 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall
5 be the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

6 (1) District 1 -- [26] 27

7 (2) District 2 -- [5] 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County AND
8 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM WORCESTER COUNTY

9 (4) District 4 -- [4] 5, two to be appointed from Charles County AND
10 TWO TO BE APPOINTED FROM ST. MARY'S COUNTY

11 (5) District 5 -- [13] 14

12 (6) District 6 -- [13] 14

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
14 read as follows:

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 1-503.

17 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number
18 of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges
19 provided for by the Constitution:

20 (15) Montgomery[21] 23

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
22 take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter ____ (S.B.
23 ____ (11r2038)/H.B. ____ (11r2039)) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001,
24 and if Chapter ____ does not become effective, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and
25 void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

26 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
27 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.